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IMAGE-PROCESSING PROGRAM PRODUCT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

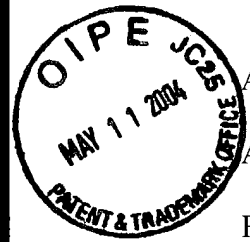
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-74248, which was published
on March 17, 1998, together with an English language translation of the same;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0051794 to HORITA, which was
published on March 18, 2004; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0051789 to HORITA, which was
published on March 18, 2004.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the
requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent application
publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner
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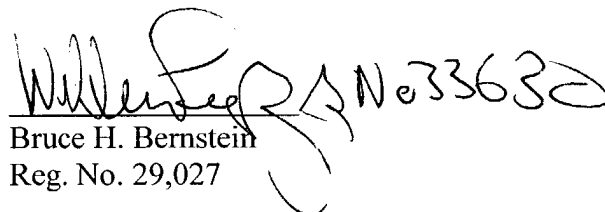


Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document (and translation) is attached and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing of the present application thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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